

NEW TANKER TO CUBA--The newly launched Soviet oil tanker Bucharest, 27,000 ton displacement, will depart for Cuba with a cargo of petroleum products, according to a report to TASS from the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet. The oil tanker is the fifth in a series of large Peking type vessels built in the Baltic shipyards of Leningrad. It has become traditional for the large Soviet oil tankers with a displacement of 27,000 to 35,000 tons to enter USSR-Cuban service immediately after launching. There are about 15 Soviet oil tankers regularly plying between the ports of both nations. Besides petroleum, Soviet tankers also carry cargoes of ammonia used for the production of mineral fertilizers. (Text) (Havana Radio Rebelde Spanish 2300 GMT 23 August 1962--F)